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A POEM on the Holy Land, narrative and descriptive, by Herman Melville, is in press by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

A VALUABLE contribution to political literature, by an Indiana lawyer, R. W. Thompson,

is in press by Harper & Bros. It deals with "Political Romanism," and gives a historical study of the interference of the Papacy with civil government in European countries. The work will make an octavo of 700 pages.

THE first volume of the "Select British Essayists" is nearly ready at the Putnam's. It will contain, besides the essays from the "Spectator," a biographical sketch of Addison, and an essay on the essayists, as a general introduction to the series, by the editor, John Habberton, literary editor of the *Christian Union*.



# The Publishers' Weekly.

JANUARY 15, 1876.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry and for notice in "Books Received."

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

## PRIZE QUESTIONS.

WHICH are our standard books; or, what works and editions should form the nucleus of a well-stocked bookstore to-day? This question, of the most vital importance to every one engaged in the production and sale of books, it is proposed to put before the trade in a new department of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, for which the co-operation of all our subscribers is cordially invited. The material is so extensive that, should our plan meet with the favor of our subscribers, this department may become a permanent and not the least useful feature of the WEEKLY. The plan for the present is to elicit answers from practical and experienced members of the trade, to a series of test questions as to which are the most standard and salable books in each branch of literature. A prize of \$5 will be awarded for that answer which includes the greatest number of works on which competitors generally agree, or which, in the judgment of the editor, may otherwise be most fairly representative. This list will be published in the WEEKLY, possibly with the number of concurring competitors prefixed to each book, showing thereby the comparative estimation in which each book is held. Thus, in an entertaining and interesting manner, booksellers as well as book-buyers may profit from a general exchange of opinions and comparing of notes, a method which later may be applied to other questions of interest to the book trade and associated branches. Succeeding numbers of the WEEKLY will contain new questions, and the answers to each will be published four weeks from publication of the question.

### RULES FOR COMPETITORS.

1. Every subscriber, or employee of a subscriber, is entitled to compete.
2. The answers shall consist of a list of works on a given topic. The short title is sufficient, but number of volumes, size, price, and name of publisher, must be given.
3. The titles should be arranged according to the popularity each work holds in the opinion of the competitor.
4. The titles must be written legibly on one side of the paper only, each title in separate paragraph, with ample space between titles for cutting through with scissors.

5. The list must not contain a greater number of titles than is demanded in the question.

6. Each list must be headed by the number of the Prize Question, and signed with full address of competitor.

7. If several competitors should present lists of equal claim to the prize, it shall be awarded by lot.

8. The name of the successful competitor shall be published with his list, and the amount of the prize remitted immediately after publication.

9. All communications should be addressed, Editor PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, P. O. Box 4295, New-York.

These rules are subject to amendment if the Editor should find it expedient.

### PRIZE QUESTION No. 1.

*Which are the most salable works in biography?*

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We submit this question to our subscribers, requesting them to send in their list previous to Saturday, February 5th, for publication in our issue of the ensuing week.

## THE POSTAL QUESTION.

IN a recent pamphlet Mr. Bangs, Superintendent of Railway Mail Service, and one of the best posted men in the whole department, gives facts and views as to the proposed changes in the postal rates. From this we learn that letters and postal cards yield a profit of over \$4,000,000; newspapers, magazines, etc., sent to subscribers, are carried at a loss of nearly \$7,000,000; and all other matter, known as "third-class," at a loss of more than \$4,000,000. This third-class includes: (1) pamphlets and transient publications; (2) unsealed circulars; (3) books and book-manuscript; (4) miscellaneous matter, largely samples of merchandise. Mr. Bangs' idea (we quote the *Tribune's* summary) is "to restore the old rates to Nos. 1 and 2 of this third class, and leave all the rest at the present high rates. Nos. 3 and 4, he thinks, are, compared with other mail-matter, of benefit to few people, and of minor importance in the spread of intelligence. As this is not very evident in respect to books, he makes a special argument about them. It is briefly this: few books are sent by mail; the local dealer is deprived of a profit on those thus sent; changes in the rates of postage on them do not affect the prices of such books; only book publishers profit by low postage on books, and the publishers 'are not primarily governed by a desire to disseminate intelligence.' Of the portion of third-class matter which Mr. Bangs proposes to leave under the old high rate, books, etc., form about two fifths. If we assume that the same weight of merchandise, books, etc., would be sent under high rates as low ones, the saving would be about \$1,500,000 a year; and in any case these goods would nearly clear the expense of their carriage."

This brings up directly a question in which

the trade is generally interested. The publishers' interest and desire is unanimously, of course, toward a reduction of the rate on books to the old figures. On the other hand, the retailers would be very willing to continue the high rate on books, since it is the uniform rate by mail which gives chief facilities for the competition of the centres against the country. A third question is whether these goods ought to be carried at a loss any way. The present law, as it stands, is certainly an abomination of confusion; the question is, how to simplify it in accordance with justice both to interested classes and the tax-paying community at large.

THE report of the Librarian of Congress is not yet in printed shape, so we can give only the summary appearing in the Washington despatches. Mr. Spofford makes the usual appeal, hitherto sadly neglected, for "more room." What could we do better, as a centennial monument, than lay the corner-stone of a grand national library building?

A CORRESPONDENT makes the excellent suggestion that it would be well for all publishers and jobbers to keep their address cards permanently before the trade in the advertising columns of the WEEKLY, for the benefit of their correspondents. The usefulness of this plan, which is a usual feature of trade journalism, must be apparent, especially in the case of those who do not otherwise appear frequently in our advertising columns. We shall make another endeavor to introduce this feature, and trust our own trade will not be behind others in supplying us with their cards. Even such incidental support as this accomplishes a double purpose, by giving us in its degree further means to make the WEEKLY more useful to the trade in the completeness of its reading matter, and more what we would like to make it.

WE send out with this issue, as specimens, some sheets of the Index to the Annual, which were misprinted and withdrawn and held for this purpose, that our subscribers who have not taken the Annual may learn how useful is this feature. They will find it worth many odd dollars to them on an investment of two, a statement which the letter of a Western house elsewhere will doubly confirm. The specimen sheet will also remind publishers of the importance of the Supplementary Index of books published in 1875, which will accompany their advertising lists for that year in our issue for January 29th.

THE Messrs Dutton's letter is "right to the point." They did the right thing, and reaped evident reward. As we said in our last, if half a dozen more houses who could be named would take this position, there would be little further difficulty about underselling. Will they take it? Why not?

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

##### TO THE POINT.

NEW-YORK, January 8, 1876.

*To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:*

We notice that a correspondent in your issue of to-day refers to the fact that our books, "Frisk" and "Pussy," were sold during December by a prominent underseller at \$1.63 each. We did not supply the books direct, and when the fact of their being so sold was brought to our notice, we were able, by the assistance of the jobbers (who at our request declined to supply them), to prevent the house referred to from getting any further supply, and during Christmas week they could not be found there at any price.

We propose to protect the legitimate booksellers who deal in our publications, and believe that it is both possible and profitable to do so.

Yours truly,

E. P. DUTTON & CO.

##### A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

*To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:*

The inclosed check is for renewal of subscription to PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, which should be sustained by every honest bookseller and publisher in the land. Your WEEKLY is to be commended for many things, but chiefly just now for its honest effort to disseminate the principles and enforce the rules of the A. B. T. A. Don't give up your effort. The time must come when those up-town "curiosity shops," millinery stores, and haberdashers in every thing, will not be able to slaughter Webster's Unabridged at \$—, and all other books in proportion. The good time is coming, when publishers will be ashamed to have these "book butchers" handling their publications, and the "butchers" themselves, let us hope, will become ashamed of their disreputable business.

Yours,

BOOK CLERK.

##### THE CLEARING-OUT SALE.

CLEVELAND, O., January 5, 1876.

*To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:*

We find that Messrs. Sheldon & Co. are not only sending their printed circulars announcing one third off to large libraries, but accompanying it with a written letter asking that some one come to New-York and make selections, and stating as an inducement that many of their books can be sold at a discount of 40 and even 50 per cent. The course of this house is suicidal to the interests of the Booksellers' Association.

We in Cleveland can not supply the library with a dollar's worth of books on account of the offers of this house and other offers of a similar nature from others.

BOOKSELLER.



## PUBLISHERS' ADDRESSES.

DETROIT, MICH., January 7, 1876.

*To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:*

We have occasional complaint that letters addressed to New-York book firms do not reach their destination; and it is a matter of surprise to us that this is not a frequent occurrence, for the greater part of such letters are simply addressed:

"Messrs. ————,  
"Publishers,  
"New-York City"

—without street or number.

It is impossible to remember fully the various addresses, and though careful correspondents keep a MS. address-book, in the hurry of preparing a dozen letters few care to turn over the leaves of so inconvenient a help and hunt for the proper superscription.

Why can not a page of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY be set apart for the addresses of the Eastern booksellers, stationers, etc.? Small type could be used so that a single page would contain a great many, and as changes in the addresses would not be frequent, the page could be stereotyped, and thus the cost for space, etc., divided among so many, would be but a trifle for each firm; while the saving in time, trouble, and irritation over lost letters to their correspondents, would be most valuable. The latest number of the WEEKLY is, or should be, on every bookseller's desk, and how easily one could look down the page for the proper address, and thus have the satisfaction of knowing that his letter would go where intended!

L. T. S.

## TRADE MEETINGS.

THE Committee on Assemblies of the American Book Trade Association gives notice that before fixing the place of meeting of the next Convention, which by the Constitution should open on the 11th of July, it would be glad to hear from any local trade desiring that the gathering should be held in its locality. Any invitations should state the accommodations at the hotels and for the public meetings, and what reductions can be hoped for from hotels and railroads. Suggestions from individuals will also be gratefully received. Communications should be addressed in care of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY.

THE regular meeting of the Central Booksellers' Association will be held Tuesday, February 8th, probably, by the courtesy of Mr. Geyer, at the rooms of the Stationers' Exchange, 694-6 Broadway. This is the meeting appointed by the Constitution for the annual election of officers.

## BOOKS' RECEIVED.

SERMONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS FOR 1876, by the Monday Club. (Lockwood, Brooks & Co.) The aim of the writers of these sermons has been to grasp the central thought of each lesson, to unfold and impress it with freshness and vigor, and to apply it practically. The book is not intended as a commentary, nor does it aim at criticism, its sole object being to assist Sabbath-school teachers and scholars in their

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AMERICAN.—If any one at the close of our first century of national independence entertains any doubts upon the literary enterprise and taste of the United States, let him just cast a cursory glance over this volume. . . . The indexes have been prepared with all the ingenuity which the scattering nature of the various catalogues would admit. . . . All

the publishers and booksellers throughout the country speak in the very highest terms of this trade-list. Its usefulness to readers will be apparent.—*Chicago InterOcean, January 1st.*

THESE volumes, although of different titles, do like service for the American and English book production. . . . They are of over 1600 pages each, but the American is the more comprehensive, since it is not only of larger and more compact page, but has been steadily growing, including this year 155 publishers, while the English suffers a reduction from 148 to 92. It was estimated last year by the English editor that nearly 50,000 books were given in his collection, of which 14,000 were indexed; the index this year includes over 17,000 books or series. The American volume is indexed on a different plan: there are a general index (to miscellaneous books) of about 14,000 titles; law and medical book indexes of 800 titles each; and an educational catalogue, classifying text-books under their subjects, of above 7000 titles. These make a total of 23,000 titles; it is calculated that there are about 30,000 in the catalogues which form the body of the work. These huge volumes furnish for the first time a key to the standard and current book-production of England and America, hitherto to be found only, if at all, in a considerable collection of library and annual catalogues. Their commercial value to the book trade is very great, for they are labor-saving machines in the best sense, and they are also a welcome convenience to the general reader. In his modest preface to the American publication, the editor, Mr. F. Leypoldt, gives a very deprecatory view of his indexes, bibliographically, as no more than a makeshift until the appearance of the American catalogue (to include all books in print, by author, title, and subject), on which he is now engaged. The Indexes, indeed, follow no one bibliographical system, the plan being to make such an entry as the trade will find most readily, but their practical value is very considerable, and so modest a disclaimer would prevent bibliographical criticism, even if it were called for, which is by no means the case. On the contrary, the work of the editor evinces equal diligence, judgment, and practical skill, combined with the faithful attention to apparently unimportant details which is the corner-stone of a good book of reference.—*New-York Tribune, January 7th.*

#### THE A. B. T. A. AT THE CENTENNIAL.

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#### BUSINESS NOTES.

OLIVER DITSON & Co., having purchased the entire stock, plates, good will, etc., of the late firm of Lee & Walker, purpose carrying on the business in that city under the firm name of J. E. Ditson & Co., the junior partner in the house taking charge of the Philadelphia concern. The Ditsons now have establishments in Boston, New-York, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

THE Wiley firm will now be known as John Wiley & Sons, Mr. Wm. H. Wiley having been admitted January 1st. Mr. Wiley studied as a civil engineer before he came into the scientific book business, and is, therefore, doubly qualified to make a success. He has for some time been pleasantly known to the trade in connection with the house.

THE publishing and subscription-book business lately carried on by Mr. Duffield Ashmead at 711 Sansom street, Philadelphia, has been purchased by Mr. H. W. Kelley, who will continue the business at the same place.

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THE firm of R. W. Smith & Co., binders, New-York, made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors last week.

#### PERSONAL NOTES.

IT is said that Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson has made \$100,000 by novel-writing in the past eight years. This is a high estimate, but she has certainly made half that.

MR. T. BAILEY ALDRICH is introduced to the French public, with his "Story of a Bad Boy," in curious disguise. A prominent juvenile magazine of Paris announces, among its attractions for the coming year, "The History of an American School-boy, translated from the English of Thomas B  lay Aldrich."

PROF. MOSES COIT TYLER is at work upon his Handbook of American Literature, but it will not be ready for publication till fall. It will be especially full in its treatment of early American literature.

CHAS. S. PLUMMER, Newark, N. J., is on the road representing Bradner & Parker, successors to the Cornwell Manufacturing Co.; Schindler & French Manufacturing Co. of Meriden, Ct., manufacturers of inkstands; Ph. Hake, card stock; Shaw & Alfred, pape-

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#### LIBRARY AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

THE annual report of the Librarian of Congress, brought down to January 1st, 1876, has been presented to the Joint Committee on the Library. The Washington despatches of the dailies state that it exhibits a larger increase in the number of books added than usual, 19,350 volumes having been acquired during the year, 8000 of which were deposited under the copyright law. The whole library now numbers 293,507 volumes, besides 60,000 pamphlets. The copyright entries for the year were about 15,000, and over \$12,000 in copyright fees were paid into the Treasury. The Librarian urges upon Congress the absolute and pressing necessity for providing more room for the Library and rapidly growing Copyright Department, by a new building. Over 50,000 volumes are piled upon the floors, and the books are suffering material injuries, aside from the great and growing difficulty of procuring and promptly producing them when wanted. He refers to the fact that, in every European nation, the Library of the Government has a separate building, although no similar necessity for it exists in the form of an office of Public Record or Copyright Bureau, accumulating from 25,000 to 30,000 separate articles of publication every year. An appeal is made to Congress, which last year appropriated over \$500,000 for the temporary purpose of securing a creditable representation of Government Departments at the Centennial Exhibition, not to let another year pass without some provision for housing or shelving the overflowing stores of a great national library.

THE "Bibliography of Printing," some time announced by Mr. Edward C. Bigmore, of London, is now fairly under way, and its successful completion can be hoped for. Its scope is to be much wider than that of the "Typographical Bibliography" of Mr. Marthens, whose field was necessarily limited by including only the subject of typography and works in English. Mr. Bigmore expects to embrace some ten thousand titles in his list, including with typography the kindred arts of lithography and copperplate printing, and all countries will be represented, so that, as far as practicable, it will be a complete catalogue of the literature of printing. Mr. Bigmore will be glad to receive any American titles not found in Marthens' and Thomas' works,—care of *Printing Times*, London. His bibliography will be first run in monthly parts through the *Printing Times*, and afterwards put into book form. Such a work has become a real necessity, and we trust it will receive sufficient encouragement to insure its success.

By order of the Minister of Public Instruction, the directors of the different public libraries of Paris have recently published authentic statements of the books, manuscripts, etc., con-



tained in each. We learn, therefore, that the Bibliothèque Nationale heads the list with 1,700,000 printed volumes, 80,000 manuscripts, 1,000,000 prints, maps, and engravings, and 120,000 medals. The Library of the Arsenal, which is under the charge of M. de Bornier, the author of "La Fille de Roland," contains 200,000 volumes and 8000 manuscripts. The Mazarin Library numbers 200,000 volumes, 4000 manuscripts, and 80 models, executed in relief, and representing the Pelasgic monuments of Italy, Greece, and Asia Minor. The Ste.-Geneviève Library possesses 160,000 printed works and 350,000 manuscripts. The Library of the Sorbonne contains 80,000 volumes, and that of the Medical School, 35,000. Total, 2,375,000 printed volumes, 442,000 manuscripts, and 1,120,000 prints, medals, etc.—*Appletons' Journal*.

#### JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

GEN. CUSTER will contribute to the *Galaxy*, beginning in March, some papers on his experience in the war. The papers are at the suggestion of Gen. Sherman.

THE *pièce de resistance* in the February *Atlantic* will be that on "The Currency Conflict," by the Hon. James A. Garfield, of Ohio, who argues, of course, the hard-money side. Mr Emerson's poem, read before the Ladies' Centennial Tea-Party in Boston last winter, and not hitherto printed, will appear in its revised form.

#### LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

A "COMPREHENSIVE History of Methodism," by the Rev. Dr. James Porter, will be issued shortly by the Western Book Concern.

LEE & SHEPARD have in advanced preparation a new novel by Miss Amanda M. Douglas, and the volume of Steele's hitherto uncollected papers, long since announced, "The Lover, and other Miscellanies," edited by the late J. E. Babson.

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PROF. WILLIAM SWINTON has prepared for publication, by Harper & Bros., a little "Bible Word-Book," in which he gives all the words in the Bible which are now modified or obsolete, with explanations.

"THE Annual Register of Literature and Bibliography for 1875," edited by M. J. Ph. Berjeau, and to be published by Mr. Pickering, is progressing. It will contain notices of remarkable additions to public libraries, the sales by auction of books, manuscripts, and autographs, with the prices of some of the principal lots, a list of English and foreign bibliographical publications during the year, and other information of a kindred description.

PROF. MAHAFFY, says the *Academy*, is still occupied with "Ancient and Modern Greece."

His primer on "Life in Old Greece," in Mr. Green's series, is in the press, and he has announced a series of lectures next term on his travels in Greece, which will afterwards be published with illustrations by Messrs. Macmillan. A larger and more important work on "The Literature of Ancient Greece"—a great want—is announced as in preparation by Messrs. Longman.

AN International Literary Convention has been established between the German Empire and Belgium. The treaty is reported to be well adapted to insure the reciprocal interests of authors and publishers, and includes a scheme for the public registration of literary works.

M. LITTRÉ is revising the proofs of a new edition of his "French Dictionary."

LEE & SHEPARD promise a new novel by Amanda M. Douglas.

A. S. BARNES & Co. have in press, as a subscription book, a work on "The Battles of the Revolution," by Gen. Carrington, Senior Col. of the Regular Army. It will be of popular and military interest, and will contain plans of all the battles from surveys made by the author.

THE thirty-first thousand of Green's "Short History of the English People," with corrections and alterations, has just been published in London by Macmillan & Co.

MISS M. BETHAM EDWARDS is writing a new novel of English domestic life, entitled "A Story of Seven."

THE number for December 25th of the *London Athenæum* contains the usual summary of the literary production of European countries during the past year. The review for 1875 includes articles on Belgium, by MM. E. de Laveleye and Paul Frédéricq; Bohemia, by Prof. Durdik of the University of Prague; Denmark, by Ad. Hansen; France, by Gustave Masson; Germany, by Robert Zimmermann; Holland, by A. C. Löffelt; Hungary, by Prof. Vambéry; Italy, by Prof. Angelo de Gubernatis; Norway, by L. Daae; Russia, by our own countryman, Eugene Schuyler; Servia and Croatia, by A. Popovic Zub; Spain, by J. F. Riaño.

A. D. F. RANDOLPH & Co. will publish the Bampton lectures at Oxford for 1875, on "The Doctrine of Retribution." This series was delivered by the Rev. William Jackson, the author of a well-known work on the philosophy of natural theology. The recent Hulsean lectures, by the Rev. George M. Straffen, Vicar of Clifton, York, on "Sin, as set forth in Holy Scripture," will be published by E. P. Dutton & Co.

HENRY HOLT & Co. will publish "The Religious Sentiment: its Source and Aim," by D. G. Brinton, and a revised edition of his "Myths of the New World;" also, a new American edition of Sir H. Maine's "Village Communities," including a series of miscellaneous essays hitherto uncollected.

AN important announcement is that by Henry Holt & Co. of a work by General Francis A. Walker, on "Wages and the Wages Class," which is promised for publication this spring. General Walker has also prepared maps showing population, growth, etc., for the little "History of the United States" in Freeman's Historical Course.



NOTICE TO PUBLISHERS.

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